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**Sent:** Thur 8/13/2015 1:13:45 PM  
**Subject:** Re: Water Quality Sample Results

Sounds like a great idea!

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On Aug 13, 2015, at 6:32 AM, Susan Hakanson <[Susan.Hakanson@co.laplata.co.us](mailto:Susan.Hakanson@co.laplata.co.us)> wrote:

Great news!  
Ok to link this out to social media?

A short update from our team about how it went last night with the ditches would be great.  
Even just a few lines and a photo for social media type release.  
Thanks all - I'm out of the JIV until mid morning-

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 13, 2015, at 3:35 AM, Smith, Paula <[Smith.Paula@epa.gov](mailto:Smith.Paula@epa.gov)> wrote:

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Begin forwarded message:

**Subject:** Water Quality Sample Results

Please find below an update on water quality samples for August 12, 2015.

To assess the impacts of the release at the Gold King Mine near Silverton, Colorado, water quality samples were collected at numerous intervals beginning on Aug. 5, 2015. Samples were taken prior to the plume's arrival to establish a baseline for water quality comparisons. Each surface water sample was analyzed for 24 metals, including arsenic, cadmium, lead, and mercury.

Analysis now shows that water quality for the Animas River from the Silverton, Colo. area to the Durango municipal water intake has returned to pre-event water quality levels. These results are based on validated sampling data collected from Aug. 5 to Aug. 9, 2015.

EPA has shared this data with state, local and tribal officials in Colorado to assist them in their decisions regarding the on-going use of water resources. EPA plans to continue to monitor, analyze and share data for downstream river segments as it becomes available.

The data tables can be found on our website:

<http://www2.epa.gov/goldkingmine/epa-statement-colorado-data-gold-king-mine-release>

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